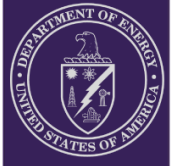# Introducing STARS!

What is STARS?

The Standard Accounting and Reporting System (STARS) is the new, department-wide accounting system. It will replace the Departmental Integrated Standardized Core Accounting System (DISCAS) and the Management Analysis Reporting System (MARS) and will be the authoritative system used by DOE.   STARS will record and process accounting transactions for general accounting, payments, receivables, purchasing including obligations and reservations, accruals, plant and capital equipment, aggregated nuclear materials accounting and many other functions. STARS will also be used for financial reporting including FACTS I & II, and SF 224.

STARS will provide end-users with dropdown boxes and easy-to-use intranet capabilities so that you spend less time entering data and more time performing analysis. If you currently use the financial data warehouse for reporting, STARS will provide information to the new I-MANAGE Data Warehouse (IDW) nightly to ensure that you are still able to run reports to get the data that you need.

Your STARS Go Live Kit

Your STARS "Go Live Kit" provides all STARS end-users with information, tools, and resources necessary for a smooth transition to STARS. Please review the following information sheets and quick reference cards (QRCs) to ensure you are prepared for STARS Go Live at DOE!

This Go Live Kit contains information on:
- ➢ STARS to DISCAS Crosswalk
- ➢ STARS Resources
- ➢ User and Workstation Readiness
- ➢ STARS Training
- ➢ QRCs on each of the major STARS Processes

To find out more about transition activities, please visit the STARS deployment calendar at:
http://www.mbe.doe.gov/me2-5/i-manage/STARSDeploymentCalendar_20050308.pdf.

Reports in STARS

STARS end users will be able to generate several reports directly from STARS. Instructions on how to generate STARS reports are available in the STARS Navigational Tutorial, *Navigating Oracle 11i Applications* on iLearning

STARS contains several standard Oracle financial reports as well as custom designed reports to meet the Department's needs. Detailed information on these reports is available at the STARS Project site.

DISCAS to STARS Cut-Over

The DISCAS to STARS Cut-Over document is designed to be a guide during the period of transition from DISCAS to STARS. Organized by the following key time periods, the document contains all key milestones.

- ➢ March Month-End   March 2005 – April 6, 2005
- ➢ April Blackout period   April 7, 2005
- ➢ April Dark period   April 8 – 24, 2005
- ➢ April STARS Go-live   April 25 – May 2005

All STARS project documents, including the STARS Cut-Over can be found on the STARS website: http://www.mbe.doe.gov/me2-5/i-manage/STARS.htm

STARS Crosswalk Information

STARS introduces a new code structure with the Accounting Flexfield (AFF). The AFF contains 11 segments that incorporate DISCAS values. To understand which DISCAS values comprise each STARS AFF segment, please see the table below.

Accounting Flexfield Crosswalk	
Fund	Appropriation / fund type
Appropriation Year	Fiscal year
Allottee	Financial office / recipient of funds allocated by HQ
Reporting Entity	Financial plan / organization within allottee
SGL	Account codes
Object Class	3-position object code / 2-position sub-object code
Program	B&R; budget reference numbers for line items and major items of equipment
Project	ADS number; field work proposals; annual operating plan numbers
WFO	Reimbursable agreement numbers; intra-office work orders; inter-office work orders
Local Use	EQU #, GPP #, ERP #, GPE #, cost center breakdowns for project/ program activity
Future	Open for future needs

The AFF will be used to identify general ledger accounts in STARS. As DOE transitions from DISCAS to STARS there will be numerous source documents that reference the DISCAS code values. Reports have been created using excel to assist users in mapping these DISCAS code values to STARS values. Using these crosswalk reports, STARS end users and Program Office Staff will be able to cross reference code values between DISCAS and STARS. These reports will allow users to search based on STARS or DISCAS values.   These reports are available on the STARS website: http://www.mbe.doe.gov/ME2-5/i-manage/STARSinterfaceDocs.htm